

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

During the interview the Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation has been gratefully acknowledged.

Claim 1, the broadest claim which was rejected over the art, was discussed. It was explained that in the method of the present invention as defined in claim 1 all winding sides 36 are plastically reshaped before being inserted into the slot to permanently assume the slot shape 119.

It was determined that additional clarification would be needed. In connection with this, applicant has submitted another independent claim 21 which additionally defines that all the winding sides are plastically reshaped before being inserted in the slot to permanently assume the slot shape which corresponds to a shape of each slot.

It is still believed that claim 1 as it is clearly and patentably distinguishes from the prior art. As defined in claim 1 "all the winding sides" are pressed into a slot shape and plastically reshaped for being inserted into the slot to permanently assume the slot shape. As was explained in the

previous Amendment, in contrast in the patent to Adachi the winding sides are adjusted or reshaped to the groove opening, in two dimensions, or in other words only from two sides. Thus the language that all winding sides are reshaped, (or in other words three winding sides are reshaped) clearly and patentably distinguish the present invention from the patent to Atachi.

Claim 21 additionally defines that the reshaping is performed with respect to all three winding sides to provide the slot shape which substantially corresponds to a shape of each slot (or in other words three dimensional shape of each slot), in contrast to the patent to Adachi in which this is not so.

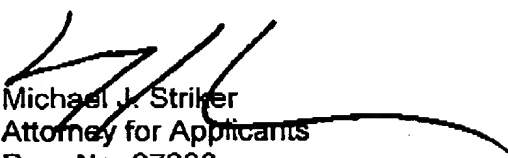
It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 clearly and patentably distinguishes the present invention from the prior art. Claim 21 which contains an additional feature which also clearly and patentably distinguishes the present invention from the prior art. It is respectfully requested to allow both claims 1 and 21, or to allow only claim 1 and cancel claim 21.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in

formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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